

REMARKS

This reply responds to the Office Communication dated October 12, 2005. The Examiner has requested "information as may be reasonably necessary to properly examine or treat the matter," as provided under 37 CFR 1.105. The Applicant's legal representative, Steven M. Hertzberg, thanks the Examiner for conducting telephone interviews regarding this matter on October 18, 2005 and November 3, 2005 to clarify the necessary requirements to satisfy the issues presented in this Office Communication.

We have been advised by Applicant's referring representative that the Applicant is unaware of any relevant publications in relation to this patent application that should be filed with the US Patent and Trademark. Accordingly, the information required by the Examiner to be submitted, as specified under 37 CFR 1.105, is unknown to the Applicant.

A reproduction of Claims 1-9 from the previously filed Response for the Office Action dated April 25, 2005 are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner, except that the claim status of Claim 5 has been changed from "(Previously Presented)" to "(Currently amended)". As noted during the November 3, 2005 telephone interview with the Examiner, in the previous Response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2005, Claims 3-5 were amended, however, the claim status for Claim 5 was inadvertently mislabeled "(Previously Presented)," when it should have been labeled "(Currently amended)." Accordingly, Claims 1-9 are presented again, but with the claim status for Claim 5 being properly labeled "Currently amended."

In view of this response to the Office Communication, as well as the claim amendments and corresponding arguments that were previously presented in the Response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2005, it is submitted that none of the claims now pending in the application are obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103. Thus, it is believed that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that this Response responds to all of the points raised in the Office Communication. Thus, it is submitted that claims 3-5 and 8 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, we request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (212) 885-9150 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

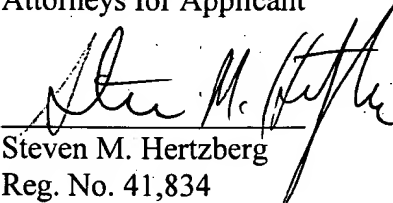
Any fees associated with this Amendment may be charged or credited as the case may be to Deposit Account No. 01-0035.

Please note the new address set forth on the concurrently-filed Change of Address notice. The Examiner's assistance is respectfully requested in assuring that the new address (which also appears below) is entered in the Office records for all future correspondence.

All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address below.

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